

## REMARKS

The present amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the outstanding final Office Action of March 14, 2007. Entry of the amendment, and a reconsideration of the claims as amended, are respectfully requested.


Turning to the Office Action Summary (Form PTOL-326), claims 1 through 23 are pending in the application. In the action, all have been rejected on the basis of the prior art. It is noted with appreciation, however, that claims 3 through 5 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner will note that, in the above amendments, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 3, which is being cancelled. This, of course, is the equivalent of writing claim 3 in independent form. Claims 4 and 5, which have heretofore been dependent from claim 3, have been amended above to depend from claim 1. Having made these amendments, claims 1, 4 and 5 are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims, that is, claims 2 and 6 through 23, are all ultimately dependent from claim 1. Accordingly, these claims are respectfully submitted to be allowable as further limiting the subject matter claimed in allowable claim 1.

An early allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4 through 23 is respectfully requested and earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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